

[Note: Assumed year is 1865]

Campbell Hospt

Washington D.C., May 19

Brother Harrison,

I thought I would write you a few lines this morning as I have nothing else to busy my self about while the Doctor makes his morning visits through his wards.

I came down from Camp last evening and stayed here all night. I had a good bed to sleep in which I have not had before in a long time. I think I slept at the rate of about fifteen knots an hour. It rained awful hard all night and I think I should have got some wet if I had remained in Camp. The Grand Review is to take place here in the city on the 23rd & 24th the troops are to march up Peace Avenue. After that is through with we probably will be mustered out. I hope so for I never have been so lonesome since I have been in the service as I have since I have been here. For we know that there is nothing more to be done and it is all folder of keeping us laying about here doing nothing. Only once in a while we have to "Harness up" and go out on a parade on review to show our selves to some of these Washington shoulder straps or "Government Rats." We had a Division review last week by Gen. Wilcox. Our old commander "Phil" was present, he looks as gay as ever. I tell you our boys gave him some awful cheers. I don't think that our Division will have to go on this grand review as the paper has just came in and it contains the order from the War Dept. it says the Army of the Potomac, Georgia, Tennessee and Sheridan Cavalry.

I did not have time to finish this letter while I was at the Hospital, the Doctor gave me a pass from the Hospt. to go to the city, so I went down and visited the Capitol. The Dr. could not go for ~~was~~ he is officer of the day to day. I travelled about the Capitol till got tired out and then did not go more than half through it. I tell you it is an awful big pile of marble to be got to gather. It does not hardly seem *possible* that such a structure could be made my men.

I wanted to visit the Patient office and also the Smithsonian institute but could not. Will have to take another day for it. I rec'd your letter of the 7th. I spoke to the Doctor about writing to you, he said he believed he owed you one or two, he probably will write to you soon.

Give my love to all and write soon.

I remain your affect. Brother,

John F. Brand